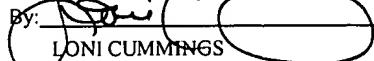


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In re application of:

PHILIP S. GREEN

Application No.: 08/709,930

Filed: September 9, 1996

For: SURGICAL SYSTEM

Examiner: GARLAND, STEVEN

Art Unit: 2786

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

On page 17, line 23, before "manipulator forearm", please insert --a shaft or--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 107, 111, 113, 119-123, 129, 131, 139, 141, and 143; please add claims 147-151; and please cancel (without prejudice to further prosecution) claims 106, 108-110, 114, 117, 128, 133-137, 140, and 146 as follows. All pending claims have been presented below for easy reference by the Examiner.

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